

Head Quarters 114th N.Y. Inf.
Camp Sheridan Va. March 20th 1865

Dear Mother

I recd your very kind letter last evening & was very glad to hear from you all. it finds me enjoying very good health except the rheumatism which I do not get much better from. our old doctor does not do much for it.

We still remain here in our same quiet camp. and no prospects of a move as yet. and hope there will be no need of it. - for we are contracted to stay here, although it is very dull. there is not over four or five houses inside of the Picket-Lines.
I received Harrisons Letter containing his photograph the day after I

wrote to you I should answered it before but I wanted to get some pictures taken to send him one.

I wanted to go to Harpers Ferry to get some good photographs. but I could not get there. so I will go down to the depot to morrow if it is pleasant and get an ambrotype taken. These artists that follow the army are very poor ones. We got our pay last week. there was most seven months pay due us but we only got four months. We probably will not get paid again untill our time is out. I hope not. for want some money when I go home, there will be eight months pay and seventy five dollars bounty due us then.

Paul still in the Adjutants Office do not have much to do at present. I like the Adjutants very much. he is a very fine man or boy rather for he is no older than myself. he used to be the Adjutants Clerk

The Adjut. of the Regt.

and was promoted to that position.
He is acquainted with one of Mr.
Remington's daughters, she used to
attend the same school that he did at
Cazenovia or De Ruyter.

It is raining quite hard to night
we have had very nice weather for
a few days past. I can imagine what
kind of weather you are having up there,
if I am not mistaken it is a little mud-
dy. General Hancock is here in com-
mand since Gen Sheridan went away.
and he has issued some very foolish orders
or at least ⁱⁿ my estimation, he has issued
an order prohibiting any private Soldier
from wearing boots, and will not allow
them ^{us} to wear any other than the shoes
furnished by the government which
are miserable things. almost every
man in our Regt has got new
boots and they ~~have~~ ^{can not wear} got to them.
and now he has ordered a daily
drill in heavy marching order

which is with Knapsacks and
every thing, which is something we
never had to do before. it would
have done very well for when
we first - came out - but - now the
boys. make a fuss.

Captain Earle & Lt. Allis are here
in the office and they send their respects
to all. Give my love to all

Yours Affectionately
J. Francis Board

P.S.

Enclosed please find fifteen
(\$15) dollars. to pay the expenses of that
trip. I would send more but - I shall
need it - before we get any more

J. F. Board